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1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE JULY 19 AT-TAYAR
AL-JADEED GOSSEIP SHEET PUBLISHED IN LONDON BY THE "NEW
UMMA PARTY". WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY COMMENTS YOU HAVE.

BEGIN TEXT:

IRAQ FORCES OCCUPY KUWAIT ISLANDS

ACCORDING TO MILITARY SOURCES IN BAGHDAD, SMALL
DETACHMENTS OF IRAQI TROOPS HAVE LANDED AND BEGAN
CONSTRUCTING CAMPS IN THE KUWAITI ISLANDS OF BOUBIAN AND
WARBA. KUWAIT HAS CHOSEN SILENCE ON SUCH A SENSITIVE
ISSUE. THE ACTION CAME THREE WEEKS BEFORE SADDAM
HUSSEIN'S THIRLY VEILED THREATS TO KUWAIT AND THE UNITED
ARAB EMIRATES. IN A SPEECH MARKING THE 17TH JULY 1968 COUP
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WHICH BROUGHT HIM TOP POWER.

RED ALERT

THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN IRAQ CANCELLED ON JULY 18TH
FURLoughS TO ARMY OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS WITH IMMEDIATE
EFFECT. ACCORDING TO MILITARY SOURCES IN BAGHDAD, LARGE
NUMBERS OF TROOPS AND HEAVY MILITARY EQUIPMENT WERE SEEN
HEADING TOWARDS BASRA NORTH OF KUWAIT.

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AL-DARRAJI EXECUTED

ABU AL-DARRAJI, COUSIN OF SHAFEEQ AL-DARRAJI THE
AMBASSADOR OF IRAQ TO SAUDI ARABIA, HAS BEEN EXECUTED
EACH OF THREE WEEKS AGO ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCES.
HE WAS CHARGED WITH BEING INVOLVED IN A PLOT TO OVERTHROW
SAUDI HUSSAIN, SHAFEEQ AL-DARRAJI, WHO WAS TIPPED A FEW
YEARS AGO AS SAUDI ARABIA'S MAN TO REPLACE SADDAM HUSSEIN.
DIED IN BAGHDAD TWO YEARS AGO UNDER MYSTERIOUS
CIRCUMSTANCES.

CENTRAL BANK DEPUTY GOVERNOR DEAD

FEW WEEKS AGO MR. SADIQ TAHAA, A DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF THE
IRAQI CENTRAL BANK, DIED IN LONDON. HE WAS UNDER
INVESTIGATION BY THE US JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WITH RESPECT TO
HIS DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN THE BANCO NAZIONAL DE LAVARO
(BNL) BANKING SCANDAL (NEWSLETTER NO. 4, 28TH MAY 1990).
THE IRAQI AUTHORITIES HAVE PERSISTENTLY DENIED HIS
INVOLVEMENT AND REFUSED TO LET HIM TESTIFY IN AMERICAN
COURTS.

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HAJ ABID HASSAN AL-MAJEED, FIRST COUSIN OF SADDAM HUSSEIN
AND HEAD OF THE SECURITY CORPS GUARDING THE PRESIDENT HAS
BEEN SACRED. ACCORDING TO SOURCES IN BAGHDAD, HE IS THE
BROTHER OF ALI HASSAN AL-MAJEED, BETTER KNOWN AS THE
BUTCHER OF KURDISTAN. HIS REMOVAL IS SEEN AS PART OF THE
CONTINUING RIFT WITHIN THE RULING TIKRIFI CLAN (SEE NEWS
LETTER NO. 6, 22ND JUNE 1990).

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